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Nurturing home-grown development in South Africa

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Food glorious food!



The end of cheap food

Britain is becoming an obese nation

Food riots in Indonesia

Global warming threatens food supplies

Britain is a throwaway food society

... the shock horror news intensifies.

But something positive in South Africa

So what is happening in southern Africa? Global food prices are obviously much worse for those on the -- literal -- breadline. For many school children in South Africa their main -- and perhaps only -- meal of the day is two slices of white bread spread with peanut butter or jam.

When we first started Thatu, the impending global food crisis was not recognised. So our work is taking on a new urgency. We do have good news. Projects like ours are making an impact.

Community and school projects



teach water conservation and to grow crops better suited to the climate. They show how to reuse cardboard for mulch and compost, plastic bags for a windbreak, old tyres and plastic containers for raised beds, 'grey' or used water for watering food gardens, and more.

But many of these efforts are thwarted or short lived because of a lack of money for such simple things as tools and seeds. And, even more important, for someone to share expertise and to guide.

Thatu's help for our partner Soil For Life's work with the Touws River community and schools in the Western Cape is helping increase production, enabling the surplus produce to be sold and children to be fed.

So please continue to help us help these inspiring efforts.

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